

# **Variables That Determine the Effectiveness of Distance Education Courses**

**Number of Students at Sites**  
**Length of Class/hours/days/etc.**  
**Reasons for Students Taking Class**  
**Prior Background of Student**  
**Nature of Instructional Strategies**  
**Kind of Learning Involved**  
**Type of Pacing**  
**Amount and Type of Interaction**  
**Role of Site Facilitators**  
**Preparation and Experience of Instructor**  
**Extent of Learner Support**

